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FIBER CABLE WITH BUFFER TUBES  
AROUND CENTRAL STRENGTH MEMBER

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**Introductory Comments**

In response to the Official Action dated December 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A request for a three (3) month extension of time accompanies this response.